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**POLAND: IMF Membership**

*Poland probably hopes to use a bid for International Monetary Fund membership to pressure the Soviets for more hard currency aid and to obtain loans from Western banks.*

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We doubt that the Soviets will withdraw their political objections to Polish membership in the IMF. In any case, negotiations for membership would take too long for Poland to secure IMF financial assistance this year. (C NF OC)

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